

# Q FEVER

- Caused by rickettsia obtained from inhalation of contaminated dust
  - Direct contact with infected animals, usually livestock
  - Contact with contaminated animal products – milk
- Symptoms
  - Sudden onset of high fever, severe headache, muscle aches, sore throat, cough, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal and chest pain
- Countermeasures
  - Bivouac away from livestock and/or previously inhabited livestock areas
  - Drink only milk approved by the U.S. military
- Potential biological warfare agent

